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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Consultant Contract

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1. [ ] and I met with [ ] in his offices at [ ] this morning. The terms of the contract were refined and agreed. [ ] will mail a letter this afternoon to the [ ] office confirming the contract. It will be a fixed-fee, redeterminable contract, subject to audit at conclusion of the survey. It was agreed that the terms could be modified if developments warrant. This letter is to be followed by a more specific contract in detail. The final contract is to include a statement of the scope of the inspection. As we are unable to state the scope until after the "reconnaissance" the drafting of the final contract will be held up until that time.

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2. [ ] referred to his earlier statement to Mr. Earman and me about his commitment at the end of January and the first of February. He asked when we wanted to commence. I reminded him that Colonel White had expressed his interest in our getting started and said that we would prefer to get started before the California commitment but that this is a preference and not a requirement. He reminded me that one of his people was in Syracuse and the other in California and that it would take time to pull them off their present assignments. I repeated that I was only stating a preference and that we appreciated his problems in getting organized. He later said that it might be possible to have the reconnaissance prior to his trip to California. He estimates that this would take no more than two weeks and hopefully as little as one week. No firm date was set and he will communicate with us further.

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3. [ ] asked about security processing. I told him that we had been unable to schedule the polygraph session for him at this time. I expressed the opinion that it might be preferable to do this for all the consultants in the initial processing but that if they were available at different times they could be scheduled accordingly. I said that it was desirable to have some advance notice of their availability. I gave him the remaining two sets of Personal History Statement forms, making a total of five sets delivered to him.

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4. After we left [redacted] reminded me that he was going ahead with his contract to expedite matters although he had not yet received a formal request nor verification of the availability of funds. I told him that John Clarke had assured me that funds were available and that Colonel White had seen [redacted] proposal and approved it in principle. We will receive a copy of the letter from Logistics Division to [redacted]

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